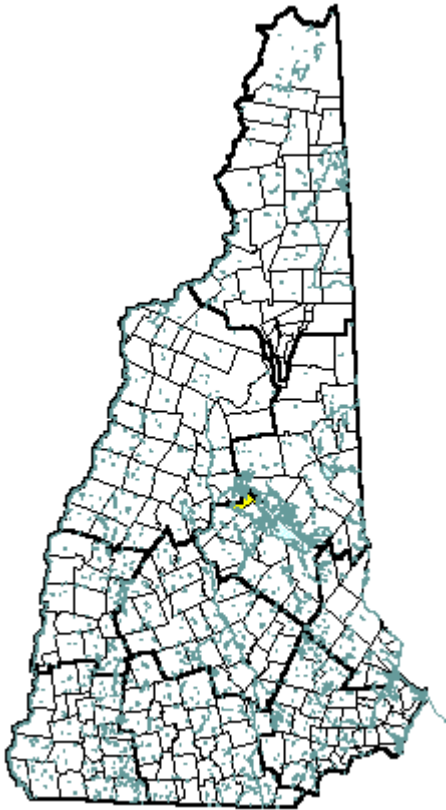


# Center Harbor, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9 am - 3 pm,  
Wednesday, 9 am - 12 noon and 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

Belknap  
Moultonborough NH LMA  
Lakes  
Lakes Region  
Belknap County Economic Development Council

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

District 1  
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District 2  
Belknap County District 1

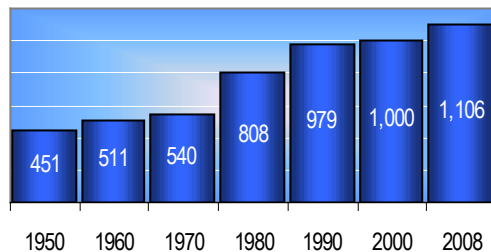
**Incorporated:** 1797

**Origin:** Center Harbor gets its name from two sources: from its location, centered between Meredith and Moultonborough Harbors, and also for the Senter family, who were owners of a large amount of property in the area. The town was incorporated in 1797 after being separated from New Hampton. Center Harbor was a landing place for lake steamers and stagecoaches, making it a popular summer resort. Center Harbor was a favorite spot of John Greenleaf Whittier, and the home of Dudley Leavitt, author and publisher of the first Farmers Almanac in 1797.

**Villages and Place Names:** West Center Harbor

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 263 residents in 1800

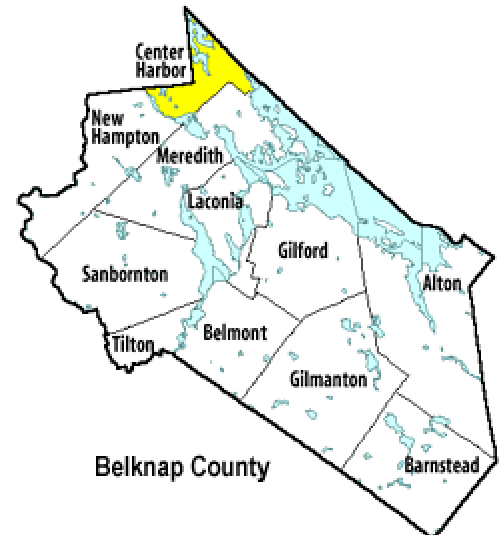
**Population Trends:** Population change for Center Harbor totaled 549 over 50 years, from 451 in 1950 to 1,000 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 50 percent



increase between 1970 and 1980, accounting for nearly half of the total numeric change. The 2008 Census estimate for Center Harbor was 1,106 residents, which ranked 177th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

## Population Density and Land Area, 2008 (NH Office of Energy & Planning):

83.0 persons per square mile of land area. Center Harbor contains 13.3 square miles of land area and 2.9 square miles of inland water area.



**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2008	<b>\$2,723,062</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2008	<b>\$2,290,704</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1969/05</b>
Master Plan	<b>1990</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Conservation; Library; Zoning</b>

Public Library **James E. Nichols Memorial****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time	
Fire Department	Part-time	
Town Fire Insurance Rating	9/10	
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Speare Memorial, Plymouth</b>	<b>15 miles</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Lakes Region General, Laconia</b>	<b>16 miles</b>	<b>113</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>NH Electric Coop</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>
Sanitation	<b>Private septic &amp; municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>none</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Limited</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service: Business	<b>Yes</b>
Residential	<b>Yes</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2008 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$10.09</b>
2008 Equalization Ratio	<b>100.0</b>
2008 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$10.09</b>
2008 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>95.6%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>3.9%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>0.4%</b>

**HOUSING SUPPLY** (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2008 Total Housing Units	<b>737</b>
2008 Single-Family Units	<b>675</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>4</b>
2008 Multi-Family Units	<b>15</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>0</b>
2008 Manufactured Housing Units	<b>47</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2008	<b>1,106</b>	<b>61,281</b>
2000	<b>1,000</b>	<b>56,576</b>
1990	<b>979</b>	<b>49,294</b>
1980	<b>808</b>	<b>42,884</b>
1970	<b>540</b>	<b>32,367</b>

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender		
Male	<b>499</b>	Female <b>497</b>

## Population by Age Group

Under age 5	<b>43</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>189</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>118</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>349</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>124</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>173</b>
Median Age	<b>44.6 years</b>

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>91.4%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>35.3%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	<b>\$25,627</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$55,938</b>
Median household income	<b>\$51,806</b>

## Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	<b>\$35,526</b>
Female	<b>\$24,231</b>

Families below the poverty level **4.4%****LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1998	2008
Civilian labor force	<b>631</b>	<b>710</b>
Employed	<b>621</b>	<b>683</b>
Unemployed	<b>10</b>	<b>27</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1998	2008
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>31</b>	<b>60</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$752</b>	<b>\$956</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>409</b>	<b>386</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$358</b>	<b>\$520</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>440</b>	<b>446</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$386</b>	<b>\$579</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$625</b>	<b>\$717</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>453</b>	<b>470</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$392</b>	<b>\$586</b>

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Inter-Lakes Cooperative (Center Harbor, Meredith, Sandwich)** District: **SAU 2**

Career Technology Center(s): **J. Oliva Huot Technical Center, Laconia; Winnisquam Regional High School, Tilton** Region: **08**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools				<b>1</b>
Grade Levels				<b>7-12</b>
Total Enrollment				<b>78</b>

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2009: Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **14**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Lakes Region**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University**

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
EM Heath, Inc.	Hardware, rental center	50	1945
Keepsake Quilting	Quilting supplies	30	1991
Bay Gull	Bagel shop	10	1995
Maxwell Real Estate	Real estate	10	2007

**TRANSPORTATION** (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	<b>3</b>
	State Routes	<b>25, 25B</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-93, Exit 23</b>
	Distance	<b>13 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Moultonborough Airport</b>	Runway	<b>3,475 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>68 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>6</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>62 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>75 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>112 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>316 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>225 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*US Census Bureau*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>84.5%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>9.5%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>1.9%</b>
Other means	<b>0.0%</b>
Worked at home	<b>4.1%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>21.3 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	<b>19%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>78%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>3%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Gunstock</b>
	Other: <b>Proctor Sanctuary</b>